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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR ENDING

31st December 1965.

UPPINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1965.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres).....	24,735
Registrar General's Estimate of Population	6,270
Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1965	2,035
Rateable value	£52,479.
Net product of penny rate	£590.18.3.

VITAL STATISTICS

	Males	Females	Total
Live Births - Legitimate	51	56	107
- Illegitimate	2	3	5
Still Births - Legitimate	3	-	3
- Illegitimate	-	-	-

	Rate for District		Rate for England & Wales (1964).
	Crude	Corrected	
Live Birth Rate	17.9	21.2	18.4
Death Rate	13.1	12.2	11.3
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	26.8		20.0

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CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronghus	3	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	5	7
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	-
Diabetes	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	1	8
Coronary disease, angina	9	6
Other heart disease	8	2
Other circulatory disease	1	2
Pneumonia	2	-
Bronchitis	5	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-
Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	1	-
Nephritis & nephrosis	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Other defined or ill defined diseases	3	4
All other accidents	1	4
Suicide	1	-
Total	45	37

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Public Health Officers of the Authority

Medical Officer of Health - John Young, M.B.,Ch.B., D.P.H. Camb - to 31.3.65.

W.L.Palmer, M.B.,B.S., D.P.H., D.T.M. & H. from 1.4.65.

Public Health Inspector & Surveyor - J.E.Garbett, M.R.S.H., A.F.S.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Examination of specimens from this area was carried out during the year at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester, as follows -

Nose & Throat swabs	1
Faeces & Urine	7
Sputum	2
Water	3
Cough plates	8

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS & OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1965.

Disease	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to hospital.	Total Deaths
Measles	100	-	-
Whooping Cough	2	-	-
Influenzal Pneumonia	1	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-

Disease	Under 1	1/2	2/3	3/4	4/5	5/10	10/15	15/25	25/35	35/45	45/64	65 and over
Measles	19	8	9	10	12	41	1					
Whooping Cough				1		1						
Influenzal Pneumonia										1		
Erysipelas									1			

Tuberculosis

New Cases and Mortality during 1965

No new cases were notified during the year.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER

Supply

Sources of supply for the district remained unchanged as follows -

(a) Leicester Corporation's Welland Valley borehole to the parishes of -

Uppingham
Lyddington
Thorpe-by-Water
Ayston
Bisbrooke
Seaton
Stoke Dry
Glaston

(b) Leicester Corporation's River Dove source to the parishes of -

North Luffenham
South Luffenham
Morcott
Wing
Preston
Ridlington
Pilton
Belton

(c) Oundle & Thrapston R.D.C's. borehole at Tixover (bulk supply to the parish of Barrowden).

(d) Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board supply to the parish of Caldecott.

(e) Two small parishes are without public main supply i.e. Wardley (population 22) and Beaumont Chase (population 4). At Wardley a good piped supply is available from a private estate.

Quantity & Quality

No centre of population in the district (excepting Wardley already adequately supplied) is without mains water. There are only a few isolated properties outside the range of the water mains. None of the mains water supplies have plumbo-solvent characteristics.

The City of Leicester Water Department and the Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board have their own arrangements for sampling and examination of water supplies and routine duplicate sampling is considered unnecessary.

There was no shortage of water during the year.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths in the district. Uppingham School has its own swimming bath for the use of the boys and staff and the public are admitted at certain times.

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE

Progress with sewerage and sewage disposal schemes continued during the year. The sewered villages are -

Barrowden
Belton
Caldecott
Glaston
Luffenham, North
Luffenham, South
Lyddington
Morcott
Preston (parts of)
Ridlington
Uppingham and
Wing

A scheme for sewering Bisbrooke village and resewering parts of Glaston village was commenced during the year. This will involve abandoning the small, unsuitable and relatively inaccessible disposal works serving Glaston and pumping the effluent to Uppingham Sewage Disposal Works. Glaston works produce an unsatisfactory effluent and are unsuitable for modification.

Work on resewering Ayston village and pumping effluent to Uppingham works was also begun. This will result in cessation of pollution of a field dyke and small stream.

Considerable extension at North Luffenham village (mainly to provide housing accommodation for the Royal Air Force) is likely to take place in the near future. This will necessitate extension of the village sewage disposal works and plans for this were drawn up.

The new surface aeration sewage disposal works at Uppingham caused some problems by the production of ultra-light activated sludge which was difficult to abstract from the works in sufficient quantity. These problems are being resolved with the combined assistance of the Council's Consulting Engineers, the Equipment Manufacturers and Officers of the River Authority.

Delay occurred in planning a sewerage scheme for Seaton village, due to lack of information from an adjoining authority regarding their desire, or otherwise, to participate in a combined sewage disposal scheme.

Closet conversions continued at a steady rate all over the district, assisted by contributions from the Council under the provisions of section 47 of the Public Health Act, 1936 and under Housing Act grant aid schemes. Compulsion to secure conversions is now being exercised where long delay occurs in voluntary schemes.

The estimated closet accommodation for dwellings at the end of the year was -

(a) Privies and pail closets	150
(b) Water closets	1,885

PUBLIC CLEANSING

A ten-day refuse collection service was maintained during the year. Control of the refuse tip was difficult, due to insufficient covering material and equipment. Local regionalization of refuse disposal was thought to be the best solution, but discussions with neighbouring authorities evoked little enthusiasm for such a scheme mainly because of cost.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

The death of the Officer appointed under the Rutland County Joint Pest Control Scheme led to reconsideration of the scheme and the appointment of specialist contractors to carry out pest control. The contractors have proved themselves to be very efficient.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Particulars given here are for all purposes, including particulars given elsewhere in the report.

Total number of complaints received	27
Number of defects or nuisances discovered	36

Nature of Inspections.	Number of Inspections.	Number of re-visits
Water supplies	6	4
Milk supplies	4	-
Dwellinghouses	70	10
Tents, vans, etc.	21	44
Food premises	20	5
Offensive Trades	-	-
Factories and Workshops	26	3
Drainage systems	125	6
Sewage plant	21	253
Slaughterhouses	2	177
Meat & Foods	177	3
Infectious disease	-	-
Refuse collection and disposal	41	74
Offices & Shops	8	-
Miscellaneous	97	10
Farm premises	9	1
	625	590

The number of inspections carried out was considerably less than in previous years, due to a reduction in staffing.

NOTICES

Preliminary	Housing	Other
Outstanding on 1st January 1965	1	1
Issued during the year	6	12
Complied with during the year	4	5
Statutory action necessary	-	9
Outstanding on 31st December 1965	3	-
Statutory		
Outstanding on 1st January 1965	1	1
Issued during the year	-	9
Complied with during the year	1	1
Outstanding on 31st December 1965	-	9

HOUSING

Grant-aided improvements continued to make a contribution towards the modernisation of houses in the district.

The following table shows the grant-aided work carried out in 1965 -

Grant-aided	"Standard"		"Discretionary"	
	Owner-occupied	Tenanted	Owner-occupied	Tenanted
Approved	6	4	14	9
Completed	2	9	16	13

The number of unfit houses demolished during the year	-	2
" " " " " closed " " "	-	Nil
" " " " " made fit " " "	-	3
" " " " " remedied as a result of informal L.A. action	-	3
" " " new private dwellings completed	-	37
" " " " " " under construction at the end of the year	-	61
" " " council dwellings completed	-	11
" " " " " under construction at the end of the year	-	12

Seven dwellings for old people were constructed, but more are needed.

At the end of the year the number of applicants for accommodation on the Council's list approximated 150. Twenty-seven applications were from persons outside the district.

FOOD.

Milk

Five samples of milk produced and/or retailed in the district were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester, for bacteriological examination. No adverse report was received.

Routine milk sampling was one of the public health services limited as a result of reduction in staffing.

Meat & Foods

There were two small slaughterhouses in use in the district and 100% meat inspection for the year was achieved.

Carcases Inspected

Animals	Cattle (excluding cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	194	Nil	Nil	1,063	220	Nil
Number inspected	194	Nil	Nil	1,063	220	Nil

Amount Rejected (Percentage).

Rejected	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs
Carcases or parts of carcases	Nil	Nil	Nil
Organs	5%	Nil	1%
Stomachs & Intestines	Nil	Nil	Nil

Most of the organs condemned had parasitic infestations or abscesses.

The standard of the meat trade in the district was good.

Food Premises

1. No. of premises by type of business.

Bakehouses	2
Dairies	1
Butchers' Shops	6
Hotels and Cafes	8
Grocers' Shops (including Greengrocers, etc)	34
Fish, fried	1
Fish, fresh	1
Premises for sale of Ice-Cream	28

Note: Certain premises are automatically included under more than one sub-heading, e.g. Cafes and Ice-Cream Premises.

2. No. of Food Premises registered under section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955.

Premises registered for the sale of Ice-Cream	27
Others	5

3. No. Dairies registered under the Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949.

..... 1

4. No. of Inspections of registered Food Premises.

..... 25

5. Method of disposal of Condemned Food.

Burnt or buried at Council refuse tip.

6. Examination of Food Consignments ..... Nil

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960.

The number of visits to food premises was regrettably curtailed during the year, due to reduction in public health staff. Knowledge of the principles of food hygiene and, more important, their application by the personnel of food premises, was not in general of a very high standard.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

No action was necessary during the year.

APPENDIX

FACTORIES ACTS, 1961.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961.

PART 1 OF THE ACT.

1. - INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provision as to Health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Number of Occupiers prosecuted. (5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by local authorities	1	1	-	-
(11) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the local authority	22	20	-	-
(111) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding outworkers premises	1	1	-	-
	24	22	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found ..... Nil